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S&P CASUALS LIMITED,	
Petitioner,	Cancellation No: 92060005
v.	
MELVINA GOREN,	
Registrant.	

## **ANSWER TO PETITION FOR CANCELLATION**

Melvina Goren ("Goren" or "Registrant"), owner of U.S. Registration No. 3,845,512 for the mark SOUL STAR UNDERGROUND & Design ("Registrant's Mark"), by and through her attorneys, The PLK Law Group, P.C., hereby answers and responds to the Petition for Cancellation filed by S&P Casuals Limited ("Petitioner") as follows:

- 1. Denied. Goren resides in Brooklyn, New York.
- 2. Admitted.
- 3. <sup>1</sup>Denied. Registrant has used Registrant's Mark in commence on and in connection with the goods listed in U.S. Registration No. 3,845,512 in each of the past three (3) consecutive years.
  - 4. Denied.
  - 5. Denied.
- 6. The first sentence is denied. The second and third sentences are admitted upon information and belief. The last sentence is denied. Registrant's Mark is validly registered and Petitioner's Mark infringes upon Registrant's Mark.

This paragraph responds to the third enumerated paragraph in the Petition for Cancellation that is numbered as paragraph No. 2.

Wherefore, Registrant requests that Petitioner's Petition for Cancellation be denied and the refusal to register U.S. Application Serial No. 79/141,499 be maintained, and any and all other relief the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board may deem proper.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES** 

By alleging the Affirmative Defenses below, Applicant does not intend to alter

the burden of proof and/or evidentiary burden which otherwise exists concerning any particular

issues. All such defenses are pled in the alternative, and do not constitute an admission of

liability or that Petitioner is entitled to any relief.

First Affirmative Defense – Failure to State a Claim

Petitioner's Petition for Cancellation fails to allege facts sufficient to state a claim upon

which relief can be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 3, 2014

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing ANSWER TO PETITION FOR CANCELLATION was served on all counsel of record on November 3, 2014 by electronic mail through the Board's ESTTA system.

Dated: November 3, 2014	/Adraea M. Brown/	
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